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1. OUR EXPERIENCE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE SHABA ONE AIRLIFT HAS BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT THE LIMITED JET FUEL CAPACITY AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA). THAT CAPACITY IS 215,000 GALLONS AND FUEL MUST BE TRANSPORTED BY TANK TRUCKS FROM THE PORT AT MONROVIA TO RIA, USING THE FACILITIES OF A LIBERIAN COMMERCIAL FIRM. BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCIES AND LIMITATIONS OF THE AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, THE QUANTITY OF FUEL AT RIA AT ANY ONE TIME RECENTLY HAS NOT EXCEEDED 60,000 GALLONS, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE DAY'S DEMAND.

2. MANY U.S. CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR AFRICA MAKE PROVISION FOR THE USE OF RIA AS ONE OF THE THREE PRIMARY OR SECONDARY AFRICAN STAGING BASES. (THE OTHER TWO ARE LAS PALMAS AND ASCENSION.) DURING THE RECENT AIRLIFT WE WERE ABLE TO FIND ALTERNATIVES, I.E., DAKAR AND ABIDJAN. HOWEVER, UNDER DIFFERENT POLITICAL CIRCUM-
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STANCES OR IN CASE OF UNILATERAL OPERATION, THESE ALTERNATIVES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US. WE NOW KNOW THAT RIA IS NOT RELIABLE UNLESS STORAGE CAPACITY IS INCREASED AND, IN PARTICULAR, UNLESS PORT TO AIRFIELD TRANSPORTATION IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED.

3. THE ABOVE EXPERIENCE HAS BROUGHT TO MIND ONCE AGAIN

WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT ASSIST LIBERIA IN PREPARATION FOR THE OAU CONFERENCE. CLEARLY THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC AT RIA DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE THAT THE GOL MIGHT BE HARD PRESSED TO SATISFY. THUS A SUITABLE AMERICAN GESTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU CONFERENCE MIGHT BE EXPANDED RIA FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY PLUS INSTALLATION OF A MONROVIA-RIA FUEL PIPELINE. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE NO CLEAR FIX ON THE COST OR TIME REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AN OFFERING BUT THIS COULD PERHAPS BE ESTIMATED QUICKLY BY AN EXPERIENCED AMERICAN TEAM FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. THE LONG-TERM ADVANTAGES TO LIBERIA OF SUCH A GIFT ARE CLEAR AS ARE THE LONG-TERM ADVANTAGES TO US IN VIEW OF OUR RIGHT BY TREATY TO USE RIA IN EVENT OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

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